



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 15**

LCO No. 5495



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Referred to Committee on INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Introduced by:  
(INS)

**AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR  
MOTORIZED WHEELCHAIRS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2020*) Each individual health  
2 insurance policy providing coverage of the type specified in  
3 subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 of the general  
4 statutes delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or  
5 continued in this state on or after January 1, 2020, shall provide  
6 coverage for: (1) Motorized wheelchairs, including, but not limited to,  
7 used motorized wheelchairs; (2) repairs to motorized wheelchairs; and  
8 (3) replacement batteries for motorized wheelchairs.

9 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2020*) Each group health insurance  
10 policy providing coverage of the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2),  
11 (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 of the general statutes delivered,  
12 issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued in this state on or  
13 after January 1, 2020, shall provide coverage for: (1) Motorized  
14 wheelchairs, including, but not limited to, used motorized  
15 wheelchairs; (2) repairs to motorized wheelchairs; and (3) replacement  
16 batteries for motorized wheelchairs.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2020</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2020</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require health insurance coverage for motorized wheelchairs, including, but not limited to, used motorized wheelchairs, repairs to motorized wheelchairs and replacement batteries for motorized wheelchairs.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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